

MOTHER IN BED 2 NIGHTS WITH CHILD SHE KILLS

Letter to Broadway Firm Bares
One Tragedy and Prevents
Another in Hotel.

VICTIM POSED AS SISTER

Mrs. Emily May Favre Tells of
Slaying Daughter, 13, and
Plan to End Own Life.

Carl Gerow, assistant manager of the Sutherland-Innes Company, a cooperative stock concern at 29 Broadway, went to the Hotel Ashton, Ninety-third street and Madison avenue, yesterday morning and told Leigh Walker, manager of the hotel, that he would like Walker to accompany him to room 21.

Gerow explained, much to Walker's surprise, that the young woman occupying that room was Mrs. Emily May Favre and not Miss Fennati, as the hotel register had it, and that the child living with the young woman was the young woman's daughter, Emily Margaret, and not her sister. Gerow went on to explain that an hour before Hector Q. Jackson, who is the local manager for the Sutherland-Innes Company, had received a letter from Mrs. Favre, written and posted Friday night, but delayed no doubt because of the storm.

The letter contained the information that Mrs. Favre, who has lived in the Ashton since October 7, had come to the conclusion that it was idle for her to make further struggle against impending poverty, against what seemed to her to be an organized opposition to all her ambitions, and that she had decided it would be best for all concerned if she were to kill Emily Margaret, who was 13 years old, and herself, who, at the age of 34, had suffered as most women much older never had done. Finally the letter stated that Jackson, a business associate of Innes Sutherland, Mrs. Favre's brother, who is connected with the Imperial Export Company in New Orleans, to see to it that she and Emily Margaret were buried and their few things sent to New Orleans.

See No Sign of a Tragedy.

"She hasn't killed herself," said Gerow to Walker. "Jackson called her on the telephone as soon as he read the letter. She answered calmly enough. But there's something wrong and we'd better go up."

There was no response. They went to room 21 and knocked. Walker tried the door and it opened. Mrs. Favre was sitting upright in bed. At her side, and apparently calmly asleep, lay Emily Margaret.

Walker unlocked and began backing away, closing the door as he retreated. "It's quite all right," responded the

woman, "I shall be dressed in a few moments."

Walker and Gerow went downstairs again and there decided that there was nothing amiss, and that the letter had been inspired by a fit of loneliness which had passed off.

"I'll go up alone," said Gerow. "She owns some stock in our concern—left her by her father. Guess she is worried about her finances. Glad nothing's happened."

The telephone on the room clerk's desk tinkled. Mrs. Favre wished the clerk to tell Mr. Walker that she would see him if he'd come right up. Walker remained behind. Gerow went to the room.

Mrs. Favre was standing with her back to the bureau and with her hands resting upon the edge of an open drawer. The bed covers had been thrown over the footboard. As far as Gerow could see at first glance the room was quite tidy and clothing and other things had been crammed into an old fashioned camel back trunk which stood with its lid raised near the window. The closet and wardrobe were open and empty.

Child Dead in Bed.

Mrs. Favre was quite calm and self-possession. She pointed to the child on the bed and said to Gerow: "Look for yourself. I killed her at precisely ten o'clock Saturday morning."

Gerow saw that Emily Margaret had been shut through the left breast. A wide circle had been burned out of the sheer nightgown. The child's hands were folded across her body. There was no indication of agony on the features. There was no disorder.

Mrs. Favre had slipped her right hand into the open drawer and it reappeared gripping a revolver.

"I have not left this room since I killed her," she said. "I have had nothing to eat since then. I have spent most of the time between Friday night and just now there in bed beside her. I have been trying to get up courage enough to carry out the whole thing. That's why I lay there beside Emily Margaret. I thought it might drive me mad and then I'd have the courage to kill myself. But I think I have the nerve now."

She raised the revolver but wavered when Gerow walked toward her with his hand extended.

"Tell me about it before you kill yourself," suggested Gerow.

And then with all the simplicity of a child she sat down and began to talk. There were no tears, no hysteria, no hysterical display—just a great weariness and self-possessed self-reliance at her own cowardice. Obeyingly she placed the revolver—a .32 calibre weapon with one shell exploded—in her own pocket.

And then without apparent interest she listened to Gerow telephone to Walker to get the police.

"Ask him to send me something to eat," she said as Gerow finished speaking. "I'd like a chop, please, and some toast and some tea."

While the police and Chief Medical Examiner Morris hurried to the hotel she ate the first food she had had since Saturday. On the dresser was a celluloid toilet set, a few inexpensive gewgaws and a mesh bag containing \$18.

Nearby lay a statement from the hotel management showing that she owed \$15 for the room and restaurant service.

Tells Her Story Calmly.

"Outside the facts that must be apparent," she said to Assistant District Attorney P. Francis Marro, "there is an even more miserable reason for what I did and what I should have done. I could not interest you so I'll not tell you."

She was entirely self-possessed. To newspaper men she made the request that nothing be said in the papers about the affair. She baffled the photographers by dexterous use of her muff. She was not frightened when told she would be tried for murder. With the air of a person resigned to a handsome but unavoidable formality she told him that she was a native of Chatham, Canada, where fourteen years ago she married Seymour—more frequently called Simon—Favre of New Orleans. He was in the lumber business and took her to New Orleans soon after the wedding.

There a year later her baby was born

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and about the same time she was divorced from Favre.

Her father, also in the lumber business, died leaving her a reasonable income which seems to have dwindled to almost nothing. She came to New York last fall and on October 7 took a small suite at the Ashton. She waited to go on the stage or into the movies and because of this and because an agent had told her it would be best for her ambitions were it not known she was married she registered herself as Miss Fennati and Emily Margaret as her sister. She is smart looking rather than beautiful.

One day one of the women living in the hotel asked her why Emily Margaret was not in school.

"She went to school in New Orleans for a while—to a convent school," Mrs. Favre replied. "Her mother had ideas about schools that you'd think queer. Emily will not grow up illiterate or ignorant. I shall teach her what I know and she shall read good books. Already she has read Spencer's 'Faerie Queen' and the little things of Ruskin's like 'The King of the Golden River'."

It is rather dreadful to submit the formation of a child's mind to a stranger who has no chance to discriminate between puppets. Later when we are richer Emily shall have a tutor.

She told the Assistant District Attorney that Mr. Jackson was one of the executors of her father's estate and that she knew that her means were about exhausted when she received a letter from

the Empire Trust Company telling her that her funds there amounted to less than \$20.

She was taken to the East Sixty-seventh street police station where there is a matron. She will be arraigned in Harlem court this morning. The body of little Emily Margaret was taken to the morgue. Mr. Jackson said he would pay Mrs. Favre's bills and notify her relatives in New Orleans.

KOENIG WINS FIGHT IN PICKING REGENT

William Bondy Succeeds
Abram I. Elkus on Board.

Special to The Sun and New York Herald. ALBANY, Feb. 9.—Samuel Koenig, chairman of the New York County Republican Committee, won his fight to-night to have William Bondy selected as the Republican choice for Regent of the University of the State of New York to succeed Abram I. Elkus, now on the Court of Appeals' bench. Mr. Bondy will be elected Wednesday by the Legislature in joint session.

A lively contest developed in the caucus of Senate Republicans before Mr. Bondy was selected. Backers of Col. Michael Friedman assailed the New York county men as being "fifty-fifty" Republicans. Senator Alvah W. Burlingame, Jr., of Kings, took a fling at the Manhattan organiza-

tion. Some Senators opposed Mr. Bondy because William H. Anderson, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, had come out in favor of him instead of Col. Friedman.

James Byrne will be renominated for Regent to succeed himself, the Republicans determined, and William J. Wallin, now serving his second term as Mayor of New York, was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Francis M. Carpenter of Mount Kisco.

The Republicans also agreed to re-elect William E. Dana of Avon as a member of the State Farms and Markets Council, which has been under attack by Gov. Smith. Mr. Dana is chairman of the council.

The Democrats in conference to-night selected as their candidates for the vacancies in the Board of Regents Nathan Straus, James Byrne, whose term expires, and Mrs. William Church Osborn. This is the first time a woman has been nominated for Regent.

FREE SEED WINS IN HOUSE.

Motion to Strike Out Appropriation of \$239,000 Is Lost.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Friends of free seed won their annual fight in the House to-day by defeating, 139 to 71, a motion to eliminate from the agricultural bill an appropriation of \$239,000 for seed distribution to their constituents at Government expense.

CONGRESS TO PROBE REDISCOUNT RAISES

Gronna Offers Resolution to
Learn if Federal Reserve
Has Cut Wheat Loans.

Special to The Sun and New York Herald. WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—A shortening of the commercial credits of the country as a result of the increase in Federal Reserve Bank rediscount rates, which were aimed primarily at speculative credits, may result in bringing into the market foodstuffs and other goods in storage, exerting strong pressure upon the price situation and the high cost of living.

Since the increase in rediscount rates and under the necessities of Government action, the banks of the country have found it necessary to increase their reserves with consequent general curtailment of credit.

Already the wheat farmers of the Northwest are feeling the pinch of this situation and have complained loudly to Congress. As a result Senator Gronna (N. D.) introduced a resolution in the Senate to-day calling upon the Banking and Currency Committee to inquire into the report that Federal Reserve banks were withdrawing funds provided for loans on wheat. The resolution charges that the United States Grain Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, the Railroad Administration and grain dealers are conspiring against the wheat producers. They feel that withdrawal of credit is to squeeze prices down. The resolution was adopted.

The reserve banks or the Reserve Board have taken no action, it was stated, that is aimed at any particular class of credit except that which was being used for speculative purposes. In raising the rediscount rates the Reserve Board deliberately sought to deflate wide credits, the money from which was being used to carry speculative accounts in the stock market and to turn needed funds to commercial and industrial purposes.

It is apparent, however, that in reducing the banks of the country have called loans extended on foodstuffs and other commodities in storage in a curtailment of outstanding credits made necessary by the rediscount situation. When the banks were called upon for funds by the reserve banks it became necessary to shorten credits to meet the situation. It would be a natural practice, it was said to-day, to notify those having paper on the banks that renewal could not be given for the amount outstanding.

Where loans are shortened or renewals declined on paper secured by storage products, the effect would be to force these products upon the market, unless the credit to carry them could be obtained from other sources.

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TROOPS KILL FIVE TO STOP LYNCHING

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tinued to pour into Lexington. Among the forces here is a machine gun battalion. Troops are patrolling the streets and to-night everything is quiet, but there is an undercurrent of great excitement. County officials are with Lockett in the Court House.

All Gatherings Prohibited.

Brig-Gen. F. R. Marshall is in command. He has prohibited all public gatherings and issued a ban against congregating in the streets. His troops cover Lexington in their patrol work.

A disquieting feature of the situation is shown in reports that between 1,000 and 1,500 mountaineers from the old feud country of Breathitt and Owsley are on their way here by train, swearing that they will take Lockett from the streets and lynch him. Gen. Marshall discredited this report.

Precautions are being taken to the end that if this band ever reaches Lexington it will not get the prisoner. A report said that another band of mountaineers started to reach Lexington this morning on a special train, but that when about fifteen miles from the city the locomotive was uncoupled from their train and they were "stalled on a country sidetrack."

All roads leading into Lexington are being guarded to-night.

An attempt will be made to-night to smuggle Lockett out of the Court House. It goes without saying that he will have a strong military escort. The authorities hope to be able to land him safely behind the penitentiary bars at Frankfort before to-morrow morning.

A dramatic feature of the day was that while the mob was storming the

Court House to get the negro and lynch him the jury which had heard his confession calmly returned a verdict of guilty and assessed the punishment at death.

Immediately afterward the trial Judge set March 11 as the day when Lockett will be put to death in the electric chair.

SOVIET RECOGNIZES POLISH FREEDOM

Manifesto Concerning Russian Proposal at Warsaw.

WARSAW, Feb. 7 (Delayed).—An outline of a manifesto of the Executive Committee of the Russian Soviets, which confirms the Soviet peace proposals to Poland, was received here to-day. No definite action by the various Polish political parties will be taken until the full text of the communication is received.

The manifesto declares the Russian nation recognizes the independence of Poland, and views Polish freedom as a basis for Russian freedom. It says the Allies unsuccessfully tried to incite Lithuania and Estonia against Russia, and that the Allies now are trying to urge Poland against Russia.

As new Russia now has a government representing the working classes, the outline adds, it seeks the friendship of Poland. Russia has no plans against Poland.

The Soviet Executive Committee urges the Poles to make peace and join the Bolsheviks in the fight against typhus, cold and unemployment.

Ex-Legislator Dead; Wife Held.

HAMILTON, Va., Feb. 9.—S. Gordon Cummings, former member of the Virginia Legislature, shot here Saturday, died to-day. Mrs. Mittie Jester Cummings, his wife, is in jail charged with the shooting.

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